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UFO STUDY GROUP MEETINGS - SAME TIME, SAME PLACE

By Joe Palermo

As we approach 1989, we are relieved that our meeting place at the Farm and Home Savings and Loan is still available for our use - even if only through the end of May. Rest assured that the Board of Directors are working to secure an alternate meeting place for next September.

I feel that this particular year is a time of rebuilding for us. The Library Committee, as you saw in the last issue of The UFO Enigma, has become a strong, viable part of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. We have organized our reading material and are making great strides in collating the archives and reference materials. For new and current members, this is an invaluable study and research tool.

We still desperately need to organize and activate a viable Finance Committee. Once we accomplish this, our goal will be to raise \$1,800 per year. This would provide us a budget for continuing The UFO Enigma on a monthly basis, an "Incoming Only" phone service which would put us in the yellow pages and a 30 second commercial spot on channel 11, 4 times a week for a year. My goal is to attain

this budget by the beginning of next September.

Those who wish to assist with the Finance Committee, please call me at 423-2827 or 949-3288 (Channel 20 in St Charles). I hope to see you at our next meeting on the 8th of January.

COMING UFO EVENTS

By Ken Hanke

The January meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8, 1989 at the Farm and Home Savings and Loan community room, 110 West Lockwood (corner of Lockwood and Gore) in Webster Groves, Missouri. The good people at Farm and Home have extended the use of their community room to our organization until the end of May. The May meeting is normally the last meeting at this location for our Study Group season as our June meeting is the Annual Study Group Picnic and there are no meetings in July and August. We will have a new place to meet for our September meeting - hopefully on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 as always.

The January meeting of the UFO Study Group will feature a review by John

Schroeder of Dimensions: A Case Book of Alien Contact by Jacque Vallee. The introduction to this book was written by Whitley Strieber. The book takes mythological folktails and interweaves them into coherent, plausible scenarios of history. Dimensions also raises questions as to our relationship with the time / space continuum.

Jaque Vallee, a top French scientist who is also one of the worlds foremost UFOlogists, goes down a rather unconventional path to extract evidence of ancient alien contact and intervention.

For those who have not experienced one of his book reports, John does not simply review a book. The audience is given a thorough understanding of what the book is about. In the past, John Schroeder has made even the most incomprehensible books crystal clear for his audience.

On Wednesday, February 15, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., the St. Charles UFO Research Committee will sponsor amateur St. Louis astronomer Dave Rapp, who will conduct an introductory lecture taking us on a slide show trip through our solar system and help people understand our place in the universe. We will find out the difference between solar systems, galaxies and the universe and where we fit in. Dave Rapp is the President of the McDonnell Douglas Astronomy Club. School children will find this very interesting. The lecture will be at the Catherine Linneman Branch Library at the corner of Elm and Duchesne in St. Charles and is open to the public.

Ralph Fromme, a Missouri MUFON State Section Director, recently interviewed Don Ware in Florida on the Gulf Breeze sightings. Ware, MUFON State Director for Florida, has been central to what may be the most important UFO investigation of the decade. The public is invited to come to the next St. Charles Research Committee meeting on Tuesday, January 17 at the Bonanza Steak House in St. Charles at 7:30 p.m. and hear the latest on the continuing sighting in and around Gulf Breeze, Florida.



PSYCHIC FAIR

The Third Annual New Year's Psychic Fair will be held on Saturday, January 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 8 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Henry VIII Hotel (4690 N. Lindbergh - near I-70).

The Fair will feature over 48 participants including psychic readers, Clairvoyants, Tarot, Channeling, Crystal Balls, Palmistry, Handwriting Analysis, Astrology and Numerology. There will be continuous lectures all day. Admission is \$4.00 per person. For more information, call 578-1600.

THE ELECTROMAGNETIC EXPLANATION REVISITED

By John Roppolo

About three years ago, the Public Broadcasting System aired a television program in its NOVA series titled "The Case For UFO's". As many who watched the show could testify, this could have been more aptly titled "The Case Against UFO's". Various persons who had done research pertaining to UFO's were interviewed for the documentary, yet the overwhelming majority of those who were featured in the finished program were those who supported the (producer's?) idea that "UFO's don't exist, could not exist, and what difference would it make if they did exist?".

Dr. Michael A. Persinger was one of the contributors to the NOVA program. Presently the head of the neuroscience lab at Laurentian University of Sudbury in Ontario, his graduate studies were in the fields of psychology and diaphysis. In a combination of these disciplines, he was, from his teen years, fascinated by reports of lights in the sky and on the surface of the moon. Turning his attention to UFO's, he later attempted to depict a similarity between unexpected nocturnal lights and "earthquake lights" - the luminous displays that precede or accompany tremors of the earth. Thus, he formulated his "tectonic strain theory of UFO generation", and later attempted to correlate

reports of UFO activity to earthquake activity.

In an article by Dennis Stacy in the December 1988 edition of OMNI, entitled "Transcending Science", it is clear that Persinger now not only takes the UFO under his electromagnetic umbrella, but the UFO abduction experience as well. Stacy's article is concerned with the current theory that mystical experiences (described by Stacy as "ME's") can be produced by electromagnetic stimulation of the temporal lobes of the brain. Such theories date back to experiments performed upon hospitalized epileptic patients back in the 1930's, where an electrical charge directed upon the exposed temporal lobe produced recollection of particular memories time and time again.

Persinger now theorizes that certain persons may be temporal lobe sensitives without being clinically ill. These persons, who are most likely to have ME's, are characterized by Persinger as being "creative, intuitive and occupied with philosophical and aesthetic issues" - and one might add, probably not interested in pragmatic or scientific issues. In turn, Persinger also characterizes temporal lobe sensitives as displaying "wide ranges of emotion and a tendency toward tension and compulsive thinking . . . may be prone to paranoia". And of course, he also states that they make excellent subjects for hypnosis and ME's.

Electromagnetic energy can therefore affect temporal lobe sensitives in remarkable ways, producing a mystical experience in many such persons, according to Persinger. To test his notions, Persinger devised a helmet that transmitted modified electromagnetic waves to the temporal lobes of a subject. Many of those who wore the helmet reported details that are common to abductees, including "slit mouthed aliens, blue beams of light and medical probes".

Mr. Stacy goes on to praise the "beauty" of Persinger's theory, in that it can be used to account for reports of Out-Of-Body Experiences, divine visitations and UFO abductions. In the case of abductees, however, Stacy himself gives ample evidence that Persinger corrupted his own experiment. Describing an experiment performed on a subject who have never had a close encounter, Stacy writes: "As the helmet whirred, Persinger told

them to imagine they were emerging from a woods and could see a light in the sky. (He had actually set up a pulsing overhead light in the lab.) Then he asked them to free-associate, giving vent to the images pouring into their brains".

Speaking of "imagining", imagine what would be the response of a Phillip Klass if he found that Budd Hopkins treated an alleged abductee in such a manner. It seems apparent that Persinger is setting the stage rather well for his subjects - and is doing what a trial lawyer would call "leading the witness". It would be remarkable if, in the past two years or so, his subjects had not read or heard about UFO abductees in books, articles, or in the content of TV talk shows. Indeed, the abduction scenario is probably familiar to literate adults of today, perhaps more so than the image of the benevolent ET's of a few years back. The wearing of Persinger's helmet may not just produce a trance state, moreover, but it would seem to this reader that the altered electromagnetic current could also produce stress as well as stimulation to the temporal lobe. Given these possibilities, is it any wonder that subjects might report horrific events in response to such obvious UFO-related suggestions on the part of the experimenter?

The tragedy of such buffoonery is that many people might take this as a long awaited, scientific explanation for the phenomena of UFO's and UFO abductions. This article attempts to discredit abductees by character stereotypes, as mentioned above, and by attempting to prove that their experiences are merely hallucinations produced by random electromagnetic activity. Once more, OMNI shows in "Transcending Science" that it can be just as asinine as the wildest supermarket tabloid report.



WILL EXTRATERRESTRIALS RESCUE US FROM SELF-DESTRUCTION?

By John E. Schroeder

Ten members attended the December 7, 1988 Parapsychology Group Meeting of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis. Walter Palmer shared an anecdote from Ernie's War written by World War II Scripps Howard correspondent Ernie Pyle. He located a crashed British Spitfire fighter aircraft upside down in a field. The injured pilot had been trapped inside for several days, but -- through an out of body experience -- before being extricated he could describe in detail the exterior damage to the plane which he could not possibly have observed.

Bruce Widaman, speaker for the evening, shared comments about the newsletter from the Institute of Noetic Science, the book KGB and CIA, the pictorial publication Great Unsolved Mysteries of North America and CUFOS releases.

Bruce then interspersed the playing of a tape from "The Cosmic Conspiracy" television broadcast with details of a personal nature divulged by abductees who had attended the recent MUFON mini-symposium in Houston Texas. Ernie Joyce affirmed that symposium participants from the Houston Jet Propulsion Laboratory seemed to accept UFOs and not take the objective stance ordinarily expected of scientists and engineers. Ernie also gave the lie to the official disclaimer concerning the Cash-Landrum case: that there were no helicopters based near Houston. "They're flying all over the place from those bases."

The host of the taped TV show interviewed many UFO experts including Stanton Friedman, John Schuessler, William Moore and abductees. The film linked Nikolai Tesla's plans for proposed experiments (mysteriously stolen after his death) with later purported military experiments with electromagnetism. "Project Rainbow" placed enormous degaussers and electromagnets around a ship. As told in "The Philadelphia Experiment" the destroyer disappeared.

In 1957, "Project Winterhaven" was privately undertaken by a Floridian, Mr. King, who hired T. Townsend Brown,

scientist in the ship experiment who had lost clearance after a breakdown, to build a flying saucer. Saucers, constructed on Tesla's concept, flew on an umbilical tether bringing electric power to an ion engine. The government delayed the patent 10 years, but to King's knowledge, no US experimental craft were built from their design.

The host concluded -- after the interview -- that our governments know a great deal about UFOs and their occupants. "Extraterrestrials visit and deal with officials", says William Moore. "We must recognize that we are all citizens of this planet and resist intrusive forces. Now no one speaks for planet earth."

Others propose that nuclear armament technology currently supports earth's economy. To say we are defenseless against UFOs would cause social and economic panic. Both Russia and the United States apparently have "crash programs" (pun intended) to develop the capabilities of flying saucers.

Still others feel that extraterrestrials, with their superior technology, will rescue us from nuclear annihilation due to our nationalistic aggression. "Will space creatures evacuate us in the nick of time to prevent our self destruction?"

The next Parapsychology meeting will be held at the Schroeder's residence, 4991 Miami Street, St. Louis, on Wednesday, January 4, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. John Schroeder will speak on the "Associative Remote Viewing" theory of parapsychological prediction. The group model was formulated in 1986 by Harold Puthoff, Russell Targ and Jack Houck. The group will also discuss personal reactions to the "John Lear Paper" released December 29, 1987 with additions in March, 1988. "What is believable? What isn't? and Why?"



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM ST CHARLES COMMITTEE

By Jean Smith

The December meeting of the St. Charles Research Committee was held as usual on the third Tuesday (12/20/88) at the Bonanza Steak House. Bruce Widaman discussed the "Cash-Landrum" case in which two women and a boy sighted a UFO surrounded by military helicopters and later came down with symptoms similar to radiation poisoning. We reviewed some interesting articles in the December issues of OMNI, Discover and Strange magazines.

Bruce received a very friendly letter from George and Shirley Coyne. The Coynes indicated that they always receive a "warm welcome" from everywhere they have travelled and lectured. Small wonder considering the outstanding talk they gave to the UFO Study Group at our October meeting. The Coynes give the following advise based on their own experiences on how to get the interest and support of the public:

- 1) Use car stickers on your car window or bumper. The Coynes had several interesting stories from strangers who have "confided" personal information. UFOs are an interest to other people. Just ask Frank Brown if you doubt it.
- 2) Use the radio and television. Talk show programs share "human interest items and let the public know you are there.
- 3) Phone calls. Be willing to accept and answer phone questions.

Attending UFO symposiums are also helpful in making contacts and finding out what is really happening in the UFO field.

Shirley Coyne is asking if anyone would like to exchange news letter with her, she will share her newsletters with you.

EDITORS NOTE: The UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis is already participating in Shirley's exchange program with this newsletter.

The discussion group also shared different comments on the Gulf Breeze Sightings and learned that many towns people also had numerous close encounters (CE-I, CE-II, CE-III and possibly CE-IV).

The St. Charles Committee also enjoyed reenacting the November 17th Sally Jessie

Raphael show titled "Alien Encounters" with the help of the actual transcript of that show. The actual show included Sally Jessie Raphael, guests Betty and Bob Luka Dorothy Wallis (abductees), Paul Kurts (debunker) and Budd Hopkins. Different members read the various parts. Everyone had a great time participating in the recreation of this show.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

With the proliferation of UFO abduction cases throughout the world, has any UFO researcher considered the serious implications that could arise if UFO occupants take body fluids from individuals who may be AIDS carriers?

No doubt, the AIDS epidemic has shocked our awareness on the hazards of high risk behavior and the incorruptly of the virus; however, with the growing number of abductees, an unbelievable source for the spreading the disease could be triggered innocently by the entities, if they are NOT cognizant of the health of those that they are taking body fluids from! In abduction cases where samplings of blood, sperm or ova (indicating experiments in genetic engineering) are reported, in my opinion, puts all future abductees at risk, let alone the possible hybrid, if the identical instruments are used again - which seems likely.

So, an AIDS abductee captured inadvertently presents a mighty unsettling thought. On the other hand, there is nothing any of us can do!

Sincerely,
Joan H. Laurino

Calendar

January 1988

Wed. Jan 4 - Parapsychology Committee Meeting at the Schroeder home, 4991 Miami St., St. Louis, MO (7:30 p.m.)

Sun. Jan 8 - UFO Study Group Meeting at the Farm and Home Savings and Loan at Lockwood and Gore, Webster Grove, MO. (2:00 p.m.)

Tues. Jan 17 - St. Charles UFO Committee at the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 1215 South Duchesne St. Charles, MO (7:30 p.m.)

UFO Study Group
Monthly Meeting

Same Place
Farm & Home Bank
Lockwood & Gore
Same Date
Sunday 01/08/89
Same Time
2:00 P.M.

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